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Chairman of the Council Mr. W. E. Hawthorne.
Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Walton.
Chairman of the Public Health Committee... Mr. J. Walton.

Public Health Staff.
Medical Officer of Health.

Duncan T. McAlinsh, M.C., M.A., M.B., Ch.B.
Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

J.T.H.Hall, Certificate R.S.I

Additional Sanitary Inspector.

G. Richardson, M.S.I., Certificate R.S.I. & S.I.J.E.B.
Certificate for Meat & Food Inspector.

From March, 1942, Mr.G.Richardson was Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Clerks.

Miss. L.E. Eccleshall.

Miss. D.M. Morris.

To the Chairman and Members of the Cannock Rural District Council:-

I have the honour to make to you my Fourth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District, to cover the year 1942.

War conditions keep the report to the shortened form, advised by the Ministry of Health.

While there was no serious epidemic of any infectious disease, there were some 400 cases of measles. These occurred mainly in the first half of the year and were of moderate severity, and resulted in no deaths.

The incidence of Diphtheria was also rather high at 40 cases notified. Towards the end of the year a drive was again commenced, to add to the number of children immunised against this disease. The County Medical Officer of Health and the School Medical Officer for the County have co-operated in this, and it is hoped to persuade more parents to consent to their children being so protected. Arrangements have been made for the immunisation to be done at Infant Welfare Clinics, at Schools, and individually as required.

The Local Birth Rate was lower than that for the Country as a whole. As a slight compensation the Local Death Rate was 2 per 1,000 population less than the rate for the Country.

In March, 1942. Mr. J. T. A. Hall, retired from the position of Chief Sanitary Inspector after nearly 33 years of invaluable and ungrudging service: Mr. G. Richardson, M.S.I.A. from Additional Sanitary Inspector succeeded him.

During the year I have received loyal co-operation both from them and Miss L. Eccleshall.

The work has been at times hard, but has always been made easier, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, by your helpfulness and support.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Duncan T. McIlhish.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Statistics of the Area.

Area (in acres) 55,256 - unchanged.

Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population 22880.

Number of inhabited houses according to the rate book:- 5,950.

Rateable Value is 87.151, and a penny rate produces £550.

BIRTHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Live Births.	158	181	339
Legitimate.	156	174	330
Illegitimate.	2	7	9
Still Births, 2 of these illegitimate.	4	4	8

Birth Rate per 1,000 population for the district 14.82

Birth Rate per 1,000 population for England & Wales. 15.8

Still Births 22.88 per 1,000 total (live and still) births.

Still Birth rate .35 per 1,000 population.

Still Birth rate England & Wales .54 per 1,000 population.

DEATHS.

Total:- 166 Male. 83 Female. 83

Local Crude Death Rate: 7.26 per 1,000 population.

Local Adjusted Death Rate: 9.62 per 1,000 population.

Death Rate for England & Wales: 11.6 per 1,000 population.

The Maternal Mortality Rate for the country was 2.01 per 1,000 Total Births (live & Still).

During the year there was no death from Puerperal Causes.

The Main causes of Death over the past three years were:-

	1942.	1941.	1940.
Diseases of Heart and Circulation.	78	40	101.
Respiratory Diseases.	19	27	33
Malignant Disease.	35	24	21
Violence, including Suicide....	22	33	19
Malformation and Premature Birth.	4	3	12
There were 13 deaths from Tuberculosis during the year.			

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:- 6 none of which were illegitimate.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births 17.70
 Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 18.18
 Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 35.
 " " Measles (all ages)... .. Nil.
 " " Whooping Cough (all ages).. .. Nil.
 " " Diarrhoea (under 2 years).. .. Nil.

INCIDENCE OF SCARLET FEVER, DIPHTHERIA, AND
 PNEUMONIA DURING THE TEN YEARS
 1933- 1942.

	<u>Scarlet Fever.</u>	<u>Diphtheria.</u>	<u>Pneumonia.</u>
1933	22	12	19
1934	81	16	19
1935	64	28	29
1936	90	14	32
1937	189	33	39
1938	105	46	37
1939	43	75	36
1940	35	64	37
1941	67	26	26
1942	80	40	32

Nursing in the Home, Ambulance facilities,
 and Hospitals. Public & Voluntary.

The arrangements for the above were unchanged during the year.

War conditions and shortage of staff have tended to make it more difficult for the Voluntary Hospitals to deal with the large numbers attending.

The Ambulance has continued to be made much use of, both in its normal work of transporting Infectious Cases, and also Medical and Surgical emergencies.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

As before the County Laboratory Stafford has been widely been made use of, and has given valuable help in reporting on samples submitted to it.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.
DURING THE YEAR 1942.

DISEASE.						Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	80	61	-
Diphtheria	40	40	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-
Erysipelas	4	-	-
Pneumonia	32	-	8
Meningitis	3	3	-
Ophthalmic Neonatorum	1	-	-
Typhoid Fever.	1	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS, YEAR 1942.

	NEW CASES.				DEATH.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 to 1 year,	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
1 and upwards,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 "	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 "	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
15 "	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
20 "	3	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
25 "	3	1	-	-	3	1	-	-
35 "	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 "	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
55 "	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 "	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
TOTALS.	11	6	4	2	8	3	1	1

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS CASES IN
CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT.

<u>PARISH.</u>	<u>Scarlet Fever.</u>	<u>Diphtheria.</u>	<u>Measles.</u>	<u>Whooping Cough.</u>
SAREDON.	→	1	-	-
BREWOOD.	9	7	8	-
CHESLYN HAY.	9	11	139	8
DUNSTON.	2	-	9	-
SHARESHILL.	3	-	10	-
ESSINGTON.	19	1	28	9
FEATHERSTONE.	1	-	3	1
GREAT WYRLEY.	28	7	132	12
HUNTINGTON.	1	11	26	1
PENKRIDGE.	4	-	49	2
HATHERTON.	-	2	4	2
LAPLEY.	-	-	-	-
HILTON.	-	-	-	-
WESTON-UNDER-LIZARD.	1	-	-	-
BLYMHILL.	3	-	-	1
TOTAL.	80	40	408	36

IMMUNISATION OF CHILDREN AGAINST DIPHTERIA.

	1942.	1941.	1940.
AGE UNDER 5 YEARS.	608.	542.	Nil.
AGE 5 YEARS AND OVER, BUT UNDER 15 YEARS.	150.	689.	196.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The chief water supplies in the District, are obtained from the South Staffordshire Water Works Co., and The Wolverhampton Corporation, who supply Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Huntington, Hatherton, Eckridge, and the larger portion of the Parishes of Brewood, Stretton, Essington, Shreshill, Featherstone, Hilton, Lapley, Whiston Aston, and Saredon. The Stafford Corporation supplies Coppenhall and Dunston. These supplies are sufficient.

PUBLIC CLEANING
&
SALVAGE.

As in previous years, Scavenging in the Parishes of Brewood, Cheslyn Hay, Saredon, Great Wyrley, Essington, Huntington, Featherstone, Hilton, Shreshill, Eckridge, Lapley and Hatherton was done by contract.

At the outbreak of war the Contractor also undertook the collection of Salvage in these parishes. This method continued until 1st September 1942, when the whole system of salvage was re-organised, extended to all the parishes and the direct labour method instituted.

ANTHRAX.

During the year 24 suspected cases of Anthrax were reported. None of these were confirmed.

SUPPLEMENTARY MILK LICENCES.

Pasteurised.	Tuberculin tested.	Accredited.
3	3	4

DEALERS LICENCES.

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PASTEURIFIER'S LICENCE.

